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Every youngster who has written to Old Santa for a sled is praying to wake Christmas morning to find a snow-covered world. And grown-ups whose hearts are still young get a thrill as "Mother Carey picks her chickens" and sends the snowy feathers to drop softly on the old earth, covering drab streets and ugly corners and turning everything into a fairy-land of sparkling diamond dust. Christmas is for remembrance—the time when to the old the past is entwined in the fragrance of Christmas greens—the time for the remembrance of those to whom Christmas belongs—Children—rich and poor, the well, the sick, the crippled. And it's the time for covering all heartaches gently as the snow covers the earth and magically hides its scars under a mantle of white.

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PREDICTS HARD COAL WILL GIVE OUT SOON

Woodin Says Householders Will Have to Burn Bituminous Supply.

ALLOWS THREE WEEKS

Warns Buckwheat Sizes Will Be Extremely Hard to Obtain.

DOUBTS SHAMOKIN TALE

Believes Culp Bank Supply Exhausted and Miners Doing Record Work.

William H. Woodin, State Fuel Administrator, predicted yesterday that within three weeks buckwheat coal will be so hard to get that householders, whether they like it or not, will have to burn soft coal.

The fuel chief was commenting upon a news dispatch from Shamokin, Pa., printed in an afternoon newspaper. It represented that certain anthracite operators were about to unload upon the market at handsome profit to themselves 90,000 tons of buckwheat fuel dug out of the culm-banks or mine dumps and that they were withholding labor from the mines in order to load and ship this stuff from the old dumps.

"If anybody has 90,000 tons of buckwheat, dug from the dumps or from anywhere else," commented Mr. Woodin, "I hope they'll sent it along. It is not a great quantity, but it will be useful."

Doubts Mine Skimping.

"I do not believe it is true that the output from the mines is being skimped to enable more men to load cars from these culm banks in order to meet the increasing demand for buckwheat coal. Statistics do not support such a supposition, for anthracite is now being mined in larger volume than ever before and its rail movement from the mines also is more rapid than last year or any other year in the history of the industry. Furthermore, I think the anthracite culm-bank resources were pretty well cleaned up several years ago, notably during the war."

"Within two or three weeks buckwheat is going to be hard to get, if not impossible. Your next best available substitute then will be soft coal and coke. We all will have to burn some soft coal before we're through this crisis, and for the householder that is a difficult proposition. The wise thing to do, then, as it seems to me, is to buy some soft coal and begin using it now while the weather is comparatively mild, saving your anthracite for the pish when we get down to zero temperatures."

The Pennsylvania Railroad lent its subsidiary, the Long Island Railroad, ten locomotives yesterday in the hope of clearing away the freight blockade, including thousands of tons of loaded coal cars, that has been congesting its tracks. Sixty cars remain on a siding along the Neck road and several hundred cars, many of them loaded with coal, were tied up either at Sand Point or Fort Washington. Scarcity of available locomotives was named as the excuse. Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad, said full forces would be worked to-day and to-morrow, and that with the help of the ten locomotives he hoped to clear the situation by Sunday night. Sixty cars were moved yesterday.

Peddlers' Supply on Way.

Hundreds of small consumers have been disappointed because several of the designated yards, particularly in Queens and The Bronx, have not yet received their allotments of chestnut and stove coal to supply the peddlers' pool trade. Arthur S. Leary, administrator for the city, declared 22,000 tons, exclusively for this business, were being shipped to New York, and that before Christmas he expected more than enough of it to arrive to supply all stations fully.

The Wyoming Valley Coal Company in its yard at Hamilton avenue and the Gowanus Canal has had available 1,000 hundred pound bags for which there have been no claimants. Mayor Hylan authorized Mrs. Hearst, chairman of the Mayor committee of women, to accept in behalf of the city this company's offer to donate these bags of domestic coal for the benefit of the city's poor. Details of distribution are being arranged in the committee's headquarters in the Municipal Building.

Replying to a complaint made by Mayor Hague of Jersey City, Conrad E. Spens, Federal Fuel Distributor, telegraphed from Washington to the Mayor: "Cannot find there has been diversion of coal from Jersey City. On December 2 Jersey City had been overfilled 20,000 tons on its allotment, and in consequence deficits in other cities must be equalized."

WEINHANDLER SWEARS BARNES WAS WARNED

Says He Told Coal Partner of Danger.

Joseph J. Weinhandler, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Douglas Barnes Corporation, coal dealers, of 673 Fifth avenue, sat in the Court of General Sessions yesterday afternoon facing his former partner, Douglas Barnes, and testified that he had warned Barnes that there would be trouble over the shipment of coal that led to the latter's indictment.

Barnes is being tried on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree, alleging that he got \$97,000 from the National Bank of Commerce account of the Comptroller des Comptes, des Trésoriers de l'Etat et des Finances, French coal dealers, as payment for 4,000 tons of anthracite sent when No. 3 buckwheat was shipped.

Weinhandler also is indicted on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree in connection with a rice transaction, the complainant being his former partner, Barnes, who caused Weinhandler to arrest last Saturday on a charge of forgery.

Weinhandler testified that the French firm wanted to negotiate for a contract, but that Barnes would accept nothing less than a letter of credit, against which he could draw drafts. Barnes had cautioned him to avoid mentioning any size during the negotiations leading up to the deal, he said.

The trial will be resumed next Wednesday.

"The Gossip That Paris Rats at Christmas"—the story of an ancient French custom has been told to-morrow in The New York Herald. Ask your newsdealer to reserve a copy now.

SIR BASIL THOMPSON LAYS CRIME TO PAROLE SYSTEM

Former Head of Scotland Yard Tells Daughters of 1812 Uncertainty of Punishment Helps Account for High Rate of Felonies Here.

Before an audience that included consular representatives of Great Britain, Italy, China, Rumania and Japan, Sir Basil Thompson, former head of Scotland Yard, declared in a lecture at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel yesterday that the high crime rate in the United States was due largely to the parole system and the indeterminate sentence and other means for lessening the stigma of a prison term. The lecture was under the auspices of the Daughters of 1812, and in addition to the consular representatives was attended by delegations from many patriotic societies.

Sir Basil explained that in England the parole system is not in use and that not more than one appeal from a verdict is allowed, so that during the appeal the prisoner must stay in jail. An unsuccessful appeal, therefore, only has the effect of lengthening the sentence. A faulty indictment in England can also be remedied during the course of the trial, which, he said, tends to make a prison sentence certain of fulfillment.

"Long experience suggests to me," he said, "that the length of the sentence doesn't matter so much as the fact that it's swift and certain. Certainty of sentence lessens crime."

Sir Basil made a comparison of crime in the United States and England, using figures prepared by the American Bar Association, showing that the rate of murders in the United States is one out of every 12,000 persons, while in England it is one out of every 412,000. He said that the apparent inefficiency of the New York police force.

MATINEE BURGLAR TELLS HIS METHODS

Belford Points Out Some of the 100 Places He Says He Robbed.

Thomas W. Belford, 25, "the matinee burglar," began pointing out to detectives yesterday residences in the exclusive Central Park apartment house belt where he said he had committed 100 afternoon burglaries since August. Loy Telegien, Nita Naldi and others named among the victims, will probably be visited to-day by Magistrate Hatting in West Side Court yesterday held Belford without bail for hearing Wednesday on suspicion of burglary.

Mrs. Josephine Maynard, 1038 Park avenue, was visited after Belford had admitted to Acting Detective Sergeant Fitzgerald and Courtney of the West 100th street station he had taken of her \$800 diamond watch the day of which Mrs. Maynard had previously reported. Mrs. Maynard could not recall having ever seen him.

H. Gordon Dubelle, 889 Madison avenue, who had reported the theft of a \$500 fur coat and a top coat valued at \$150, was not at home on the party's arrival. Belford rehearsed for the detectives how typical of his depredations he had first rung the Dubelle bell and getting no response had limped his way into the second floor apartment and made off with the coat undisturbed.

Belford, a dapper, boyish-faced young giant of six feet one, had often been seen in the Park avenue neighborhood, according to the superintendent of Mrs. Maynard's building. He denied any contact on terms of nodding acquaintance with residents who, the superintendent said, frequently referred to him approvingly as "the college boy."

Meanwhile, Benjamin Bernstein, a second hand dealer at 403 West Fifty-ninth street, was arrested yesterday charged with receiving stolen goods from Belford. He denied any wrongdoing. His store was placed under police guard.

Charles A. Cone of Albert B. Ashforth, Inc., real estate, at 12 East Forty-fourth street, identified a diamond locket, \$1,500; a pearl necklace, \$850, and a jade necklace, \$250, found in Bernstein's place, as having been stolen from his apartment at 82 East Fifty-sixth street October 27 last.

During the tour Belford told the detectives he had always chosen "walk-up" rather than elevator apartments for his operations. He said he had never been caught, would wait of returning owners, but elevators could catch him by surprise.

He said he had often changed his name and responded with initials on jewelry he had stolen.

Belford insisted he had never carried a revolver because he "wouldn't know what to do with it" and had always depended upon his wits. In proof he cited his capture Thursday night, following discovery by Mrs. Sadie Bennett in her apartment at 303 West Ninety-second street. She had returned from the theater to find Belford collecting jewelry and silverware valued at \$1,000. At her screams he took to his heels, only to run into the arms of Detective Sergeant Fitzgerald and Courtney pursuing outside. The detectives were investigating the recent burglary of the apartment of Frieda Hempel, opera singer, at 271 Central Park West.

Belford had been seen, he said, in the "night job" and he blamed the lapse from his "daylight" rule as his undoing. Police are making a citywide checkup of all burglaries recently reported to establish further possible connection with Belford.

MOTORS KILL TWO BOYS; STREET CAR KILLS MAN

Two Accidents in City and One at Montclair.

Herbert Greenberg, 4, of 606 East 19th street, The Bronx, and John McMahon, 4, of 440 West Forty-seventh street, were killed by automobiles yesterday, passing outside, street October 27 last, driven by Charles Goodman of 25 East 103d street and owned by Harry Gordon of 17 East 103th street. Goodman was arrested.

The Greenberg boy was struck while crossing Brook avenue at 143th street. The Bronx, by a truck operated by Clarence Little of 387 East 138th street. His skull was fractured and he was sent to Lincoln Hospital, where he died.

William McGuire, 60 years old of 23 Fulton street, Montclair, was killed last night by a Valley Road trolley car at Bloomfield avenue and Elm street, near the Lackawanna station at Montclair.

HOBOS HAVE ANNUAL BALL

Jeff Davis, who has been King of the Hobos for many years, but who long since quit pounding the dusty roads or riding the blinds and rods, gave last night's Hobo Ball at Tammany Hall last night, and several hundred persons turned out to eat the Mulligan stew and dance.

Every chorus girl on Broadway got a free ticket from Frank Nelson of the Bluebird, and according to Davis, about 500 of them were at the party.

Did Loser of Overcoat Wed or Flee? Brooklyn Marriage Bureau Mystery

The Brooklyn Marriage License Bureau has a mystery. Earlier in the week a felt hat and an overcoat were found on the benches where applicants for marriage licenses sit. No one has come forward to claim the articles. The following reasons have been given to explain the leaving of them behind:

The bridegroom was ecstatically happy and hurried away in a dream.

He was seized with an attack of nervousness and forgot them.

He desired to "back out" and fled.

He saw his first wife in the vicinity.

He became dazed as the significance of what he was about to do became clear to him.

He and his prospective bride hurried out to look for an apartment.

He saw his mother-in-law for the first time.

He heard of a place where coal could be bought.

SEEK INDICTMENTS IN CHAMPAGNE CASE

Bachelor Dinner at Racquet and Tennis Club Is Cause of Action.

BANK MEN ARE QUIZZED

Two Salesmen Are Arrested Charged With Violating the Volstead Law.

Federal officials asserted yesterday that at least six indictments will be returned by the Federal Grand Jury at the conclusion of its inquiry into the source of champagne alleged to have been consumed at a bachelor dinner at the Racquet and Tennis Club, 370 Park avenue.

The inquiry, which, according to rumor, was instigated by a Federal official denied membership in the club, has been in progress for several weeks. More than fifty witnesses, including members of the organization, have testified after being served with subpoenas obtained by John Holley Clark, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney, who is conducting the investigation.

Only three witnesses were examined yesterday. They were John Leland Cross, assistant vice-president of the National City Bank, E. P. Barrett, an employee of the same institution, and Edward Oliver Balzer. None is a member of the club.

Testimony offered yesterday involved certain checks drawn by members, made payable to a former liquor dealing company, and cashed through the National City Bank, attaches of the District Attorney's office revealed.

Edward Schuttenberg and Patrick A. Rooney, salesmen employed by La Montague's Sons, 634 West Thirty-fourth street, were each held in \$5,000 bail when arraigned yesterday before Samuel M. Hitchcock, United States Commissioner, on charges of violating the Volstead law. Arrest of the two men was made at the behest of Mr. Clark, who declined to discuss their connection with the inquiry into the source of liquor said to have been used at the Racquet and Tennis Club.

Schuttenberg and Rooney, with three other men, who have not yet been arrested, conspired to violate the national prohibition act, Mr. Clark said. They visited railroad offices and exclusive hotels on Fifth avenue, he declared, in furtherance of their alleged conspiracy.

DRY LEADER ATTACKS DAUGHERTY FORCE HERE

Anderson Complains Law Officers Are Not Earnest.

The Department of Justice, as represented in the southern district of New York, "has not the confidence of the public as respects its efficiency," William H. Anderson, State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, declared yesterday in a letter to Harry M. Daugherty, Attorney-General of the United States. There is some doubt as to the earnestness of the Department of Justice in this district on the question of prohibition. Among the grievances alleged by Mr. Anderson are:

"Failure for more than a year to bring to trial the most prominent persons indicted. . . . The apparently inaction of the courts in returning warrants and in holding thousands of alleged Volstead law violators for Grand Jury investigation and prosecution in Federal courts."

"That records," said Mr. Hitchcock, "should prove that mine is not an anti-prohibition attitude. Every alleged violator that has been dismissed by me has been dismissed only when the arresting agents fail to submit sufficient evidence on which to hold them."

PATRON OF RESTAURANT HELD FOR HAVING LIQUOR

Manager of Plantation Arrested; O'Keeffe's Raided.

William B. Miles, aged 44, who said he was retired and lived at the Hotel Harvard, was arrested in the Plantation Restaurant, 1638 Broadway, last night after Patrolman McNamara, according to the police, had found a bottle of liquor in his possession. Joseph Carlo, 32, of 21 West Fifth street, Island, assistant manager of the place, also was arrested.

Liquor worth \$2,000 was seized and six men were arrested when Detectives Brady and Burns of Inspector Underhill's squad raided the restaurant of O'Keeffe & Cunningham, 631 Sixth avenue. Patrick Gaffney, 35, of 631 Sixth avenue, the manager, and Joseph Murphy, 34, of 202 West Fourth street, waiter, were arrested. Four customers, who are alleged to have interfered, were arrested also.

SEEKS FEAR AT BOTTOM OF COLLEGE BAN ON JEW

Rabbi Says Race Is Always Assailed When Successful.

Exclusion from the colleges will be proof, not of inferiority of the Jews but of their influence and their achievements, Rabbi Louis J. Newman of California told the delegates of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, which opened its annual convention last night in the Hotel Plaza.

"The Jew is always assailed when he becomes successful and numerous," said Rabbi Newman. "The threat and actuality of discrimination must not breed self-distrust among young Jews. The morale of the Jewish religion must not be broken in the present academic crisis."

"The Jew must judge himself aright and be just to his fellow Jew, whatever his antecedents, economic station, or breeding. Too many Jews are ready to accept themselves at the world's lowest estimate. When the young college men resort to evasion and repudiate their faith and people the hostile world gains the greatest victory over them."

At the convention session on Monday a special committee headed by Philip Sipra of Cleveland and Bernard Bergman, editor of the Jewish Tribune of New York, will submit a detailed report on the condition of the Jewish student in the American university, his social status, attitude of the faculty and the extent of racial prejudice. The report is the result of a survey in thirty-two leading American universities.

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